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In re patent application of

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Serial No. 08/401,229

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For: IN-SITU REAL-TIME MONITORING TECHNIQUE AND APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINT DETECTION OF THIN FILMS DURING CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL POLISHING PLANARIZATION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on February 15, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims:

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3. (amended) In a chemical mechanical polishing device for planarizing a film on a substrate, the improvement comprising
- (i) a bifurcated fiber-optic cable having a common leg and two bifurcated legs,
 - (ii) a rotating fiber-optic cable with two ends,
 - (iii) a light source,
 - (iv) means for analyzing a light signal to determine thickness and stopping thickness change when the thickness reaches a predetermined endpoint, and
 - (v) a rotating coupler having a stationary end and a rotating end,